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E.O. 12065: GDS 11/13/85 (FRIEDMAN, TOWNSEND B.) OR
TAGS: SHUM AR
SUBJECT: (U) JAIME LOKMAN GAINS RIGHT OF OPTION

Exemption(s):
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1. (U) MRS. LOKMAN CALLED NOVEMBER 13 TO STATE THAT
HER HUSBAND HAS BEEN GIVEN THE RIGHT OF OPTION TO TRAVEL
TO ISRAEL. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY WHICH HAS CONFIRMED HER
REPORT TO US CALCULATES THAT IT WILL BE SEVERAL WEEKS
BEFORE LOKMAN CAN COMPLETE PRE-DEPARTURE PAPERWORK WITH
GOA.

2. COMMENT: THE CHARGES ON WHICH LOKMAN HAS BEEN
HELD UNDER PEN WERE VAGUE AND UNSUBSTANTIATED, AT BEST.
MRS. LOKMAN ALWAYS VIEWED HIM AS A PERSONAL PRISONER OF
NOW RETIRED GENERAL LUCIANO MENENDEZ, WHO WAS THE ARMY
COMMANDER IN CORDOBA WHERE THE LOKMAN'S USED CAR DEALER-
SHIP IS LOCATED. THUS, WHEN MENENDEZ'S COUP ATTEMPT
FAILED AND HE WAS RETIRED, LOKMAN'S CHANCES OF RELEASE
SEEMED IMPROVED. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT, IF
ANYTHING, MENENDEZ TRIES TO MAKE OF LOKMAN'S RELEASE.
IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOA SEEMS TO HAVE RESOLVED A
CASE WHICH HAD OBTAINED A DEGREE OF INTERNATIONAL
NOTORIETY.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER
NO STATEMENT ON LOKMAN'S RELEASE AT THIS TIME,
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ESPECIALLY AS IT IS NOT YET GENERAL PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE
IN ARGENTINA. WE BELIEVE OUR PUBLIC POSITION SHOULD BE
ONE OF RESTRAINED APPROVAL I.E.: "MR. LOKMAN'S RELEASE
UNDER THE RIGHT OF OPTION IS WELCOME NEWS. FOLLOWING
THE RELEASE OF JACOBO TIMERMAN IN SEPTEMBER, THIS LATEST DEVELOP-
MENT APPEARS A POSITIVE SIGN FOR THE FUTURE.

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